



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship

~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal

~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal

Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

THE MOST TALKED ABOUT SUBJECT IN THE BIBLE? — PART ONE

Do you know what is the most talked-about subject in the Bible? Well, after reading and then using Philippians 4:15-20 as the Word Search this week, I was curious, so I typed the words “what is the most talked about subject in the Bible?” into Google and found out for myself.

Turns out it's love.

And hell.

And the second coming of Christ.

And the heart.

Now, I was a little confused to see all of these on the first page of hits. I don't know which (if any) is correct, but they're all great topics, so I'll just keep on trying to learn about them.

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WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 116—O Worship The King

Song No. 416—What A Friend We Have In Jesus

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 26—For The Beauty Of The Earth

Song No. 304—Jesus Is All The World To Me

Song No. 163—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak

- LORD'S SUPPER • 

- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 631—No One Ever Cared...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 361—I'll Be A Friend To Jesus

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE OR STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP & A MEAL

SERMON

GOD'S MESSENGER & HIS PLANS — PART 3

• SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Romans 16:1-27; Matthew 18:7; Mark 9:42; Luke 11:17;
1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 3:3;
1 Corinthians 10:31-32; 2 Corinthians 6:3; Philippians 1:27

• SERMON OUTLINE •

— REVIEW & INTRODUCTION —

- I. The Minister Of God - 15:14-21
- II. The Messenger's Ministry - 15:22-33
- III. The Messenger's Commendations - God's Hall Of Fame - 16:1-16
 - A. Christian Woman - Romans 16:1-2
 - B. Household Of Faith - Romans 16:3-5
 - C. Salute To All Saints - Romans 16:5-16
- IV. The Messenger's Final Warning - Handling The Problems - 16:17-20
 - A. Mark Them - Avoid Them - vv. 17-18
 1. Causes Division
 2. Does Not Serve Christ
 3. Flatters To Deceive
 - B. Mark What Is Good - vv. 19-20
- V. The Messenger's Companions - Champions In The Lord - 16:21-24
- VI. The Messenger's Benediction - God Will Establish Us - 16:25-27
 - A. By The Gospel - v. 25
 - B. By Proclaiming Christ - v. 25
 - C. Revelation Of The Mystery - vv. 25-26
 - D. The Benediction - v. 27

— CONCLUSION & INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

FEBRUARY 28 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 CORINTHIANS 9:20-27 —



— TODAY —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK

— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

ANNUAL CHURCH "PICNIC"

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But the reason I was looking in the first place is because I was trying to get confirmation about yet another topic – money. I’m sure you’ve heard that Jesus talked about money more than any other subject or if not just Jesus, the Bible talks about money more than any other subject. I even found a couple of websites where someones or some-where counted the times it occurs. One even gave the word counts for other subjects as well: “believe” is used 272 times, “pray” is used 371 times, “love” is mentioned 714 times and money is referenced 2162 times.

Then I thought to myself, “Self,” I said, “the verses in Philippians aren’t really talking about money but about being generous.” And generousness

IS one of the most talked about subjects in the Bible. And since God spoke on the subject, we ought to as well – possibly more than we do. So, I want to spend a small bit of time writing about generosity. In verses 15 and 16 Paul says, “¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.” And then Paul has a lovely phrase to describe their generosity: “a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God” (v.18c). I’m fairly certain that some of you, when you get home from church today will be greeted at the door by a fragrant smell – a nice roast beef, a wonderful ham, a delicious casserole. It’ll smell rich and good and inviting, and guess what? That’s how God sees (or smells?) generous Christians. I wonder what we *DO* smell like to Him?

Now, I want you to up front that I’m not after

anyone’s money. I believe this is one of the most giving little congregations ever. Nor am I after your time or talents because I know some folks might say, “I give my time rather than money.” And that’s GREAT! But when Jesus talks about giving in the Bible He doesn’t see it in terms of either one or the other. Instead, He calls us to be generous with everything we have for His sake. There are more promises in the Bible about *GIVING* than any other subject and of course, the biggest Giver in the Bible is God, who “so loved

the world the He gave his only Son that we may not perish but have eternal life.” God is the Chief Giver and if we want to be like Him, we need to be generous too.

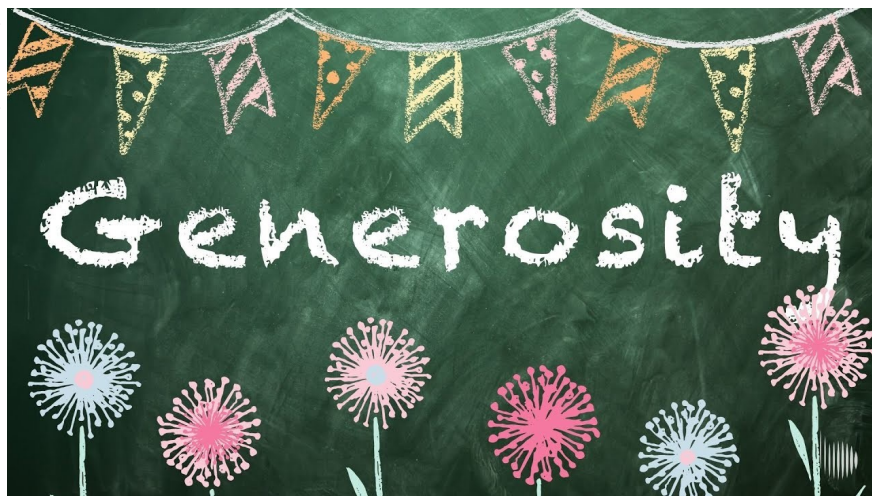
Besides simply being generous because God asks it of

us, are there any benefits of generosity?

1. Generosity draws our heart closer to God’s heart. Jesus said that “where your treasure is, there is your heart also” (Matthew 6:21). He’s saying that what we do with our money shows our priorities. If we put our money in our house, that’s where our heart is. If we put our money into eating out, that’s where our heart is. If we put our money into clothes, into a hobby, into politics, into anything but Him, that shows exactly where our heart is! That then begs the question, where is your heart? Or perhaps a better question is where do you want your heart to be? Because every time we’re generous, we are moving our heart in a Godward direction – we’re drawing closer to Him.

2. Generosity strengthens our faith. The Bible is full of promises that God will provide for us, but a lot of those promises depend upon us being generous too. Jesus told us to “give and it will be

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ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME
A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,
^[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED
IN THE BULLETIN

CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

FEBRUARY 25

PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:

- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She’s been battling allergies and has had some stomach issues. She was also supposed to have had an MRI of her neck to see if it will reveal the cause of her severe pain. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Burris, Gloria [Joyce Burris’s sister-in-law, married to Ken] – She’s been diagnosed with a large tumor on her brain. An eight to ten hour surgery is scheduled at St David’s Hospital in Austin. ^[NEW]
- ◇ McMeans, Melanie – She’s contracted Covid but **Praise GOD!** She’s mostly back to normal. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Wife’s Name Unknown [Man whom Pat Flatequal met – His wife] – While at Chucky Cheese’s, Pam Flatequal’s granddaughter, Isabel (2-years-old) ran up to a little boy her age and gave him a big hug (Pam said it was Isabel’s new boyfriend! lol). Pam started talking to the gentlemen (to whom the little boy belonged) who revealed that he was in San Antonio for his wife’s cancer surgery ^[NEW]
- ◇ Orr, Dan – He’s been battling allergies and has had some stomach issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Para, Rudy [Pam Flatequal’s neighbor] – He had developed blisters in his eyes, possibly from a medication(s) he’s taking. He also needs knee surgery desperately but he can’t until some time in June. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Cody [Smoots’ grandson] – He and his fiancée Emily were wed yesterday. Congratulations! ^[NEW]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She’s still having health issues, not feeling well. It may be her gall bladder. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene & Carol – **Praise To GOD!** They both received good reports from their doctors. ^[NEW]

FEBRUARY 18

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – He had a spinal tap on Friday, February 9 to drain the liquid from his brain and is awaiting the results to see if he'll have to have a shunt implanted. ^[1]
- ◇ Gorham, Robert [Member of Rose Hill CoC or possibly Pearsall CoC] – He thought he was having a heart attack and took himself to the hospital. Tests revealed he had pneumonia. He is/was to receive some imaging tests. ^[1]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She has to have an MRI, possibly Feb 21 ^[1]
- ◇ Richardson, Cheryl & Preston [Formally members of Natalia CoC, now living in Tyler] – Prayers for the family – their 16-year-old and legally blind granddaughter disappeared for 3 days. When she returned she refused to divulge where she'd been. ^[1]
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – Her insurance company finally gave authorization for the MRI she needs on her neck. She will have the MRI and also see her doctor on February 27. ^[1]

FEBRUARY 11

- ◇ Brown, Hunter [Ronda Brown's grandson] – He had to visit his pulmonologist due to his breathing difficulties. ^[2]
- ◇ Davis, Preston [Friend of the congregation] – Praise GOD! He arrived safely in New Jersey. ^[2]
- ◇ McLay, Carla [Laura Gardner's niece] – She had a triple heart bypass about a week ago – the doctor estimates it will give her another nine years. In another procedure, she also had a deep cyst removed from her back. ^[2]
- ◇ McLay, Gary [Carla's husband] – His last diagnosis showed that his cancer has returned. ^[2]
- ◇ Neal, Larry (Friend of the congregation) – He has had, and made still need, surgery on his head where he has what was described as a hole there. ^[2]
- ◇ Reilly, Mike & Family (Laura Gardner's cousin's

husband) – Mike recently passed into eternity. ^[2]

- ◇ Smoot, Bailey & Dan'iel [Smoots' granddaughters] – They started a six month school/program with YWAM Ships in Hawaii on January 7 to learn to be missionaries for different islands in the Pacific. YWAM stands for Youth With A Mission. ^[2]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene – She hasn't been feeling well this past week. ^[2]

FEBRUARY 4

- ◇ Contracted Covid – Stephanie & Hunter Brown [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law & grandson] ^[3]
- ◇ Mary Ann Buckheit [Art Club member who recently lost her husband, Dan] – She recently fell and broke her elbow. ^[3]

ONGOING

NOTE: *If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.*

Bippert, Cheryl ^[14]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[14]; Boldt, Sandy ^[14]; Brown, Scott ^[19]; Brown, Stephanie ^[5]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[20]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[7]; Corren, Jan ^[7]; Davis, R. Family ^[14]; Davis, P. Family ^[20]; Delaney, Sophie ^[8]; Dye, Joyce ^[14]; Evans, Steve ^[7]; Fintel, Pam ^[14]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[4]; Green, Marvin ^[8]; Green, Sonia ^[4]; Halverson, Rich Family ^[20]; LeFluer, Miranda ^[4]; Mays, Alice Family ^[9]; McMeans, Velma ^[4]; Montalvo, Louie ^[16]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[14]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[14]; Noble, David Family ^[18]; Norris, David Family ^[7]; Parra, Rudy ^[20]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[6]; Sensat, Miriam ^[21]; Shaw, Nancy ^[7]; Slaughter, Ron ^[19]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[4]; Smith, Betty ^[18]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[6]; Smoot, Deborah ^[4]; Smoot, Randy ^[10]; Torres, Donna ^[12]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[10]; Turnbow, Gary ^[10]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[4]; Villarreal, Doug ^[4]; Welsby, Chris ^[4]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[10]; Woodard, Sue ^[13]

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given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38). God is saying, in effect, “I **DARE** you to try trusting me! The more generous you are to Me, the more generous I will be to you!” So when we give, when we’re generous, it’s not just a financial thing – it’s a faith thing – we’re giving, trusting that God will provide. And the more we do that, the stronger our faith grows.

3. Generosity is an investment in eternity. We’ve all heard the phrase, “You can’t take it with you.” The Christian version of that would add, “but you can send it ahead!” And that’s exactly what Jesus taught when he talked about storing up treasure in Heaven rather than on Earth. So, how do we store up treasure in Heaven? We do it by generously investing in people who are going there – just like those generous Philippians did.

Back in 1903, James Kraft invented Philadelphia Cream Cheese. And his company, Kraft Cheese, has gone from strength to strength ever since, making him and his descendants fabulously wealthy. What’s striking about the company’s founder was his attitude to investment, he said, “The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.” When we’re generous with the money God has given us, it’s an investment in eternity. Apparently James Kraft gave 25% of his income to Christian work. Given what he was earning, he could afford to give that much. But what about us? How much should we give?

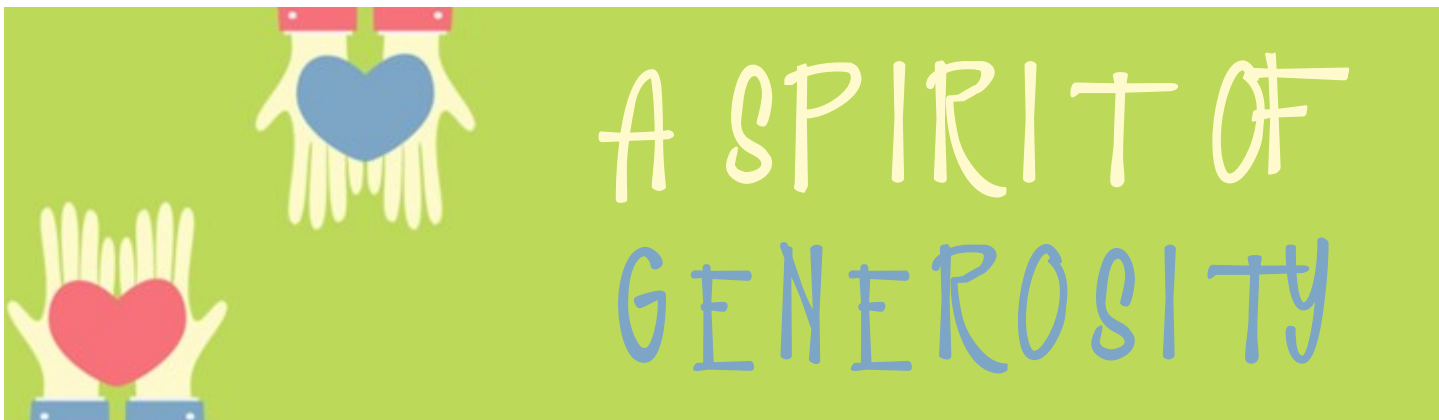
— part two next week —

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PHILIPPIANS 4:15-20

¹⁵ Now you *Philippians* know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸ Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	February 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	February 22	Birthday
Joyce Burris	March 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	March 12	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And March 12, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Thursday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun—Mar 3	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>We Need God Again</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Mar 10	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>What God Wants For Me</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Mar 17	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Spiritual & Religious</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Mar 24	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Walking With The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Feb 25	National Chocolate Covered Peanuts & Clam Chowder Days
Mon—Feb 26	National Set A Good Example Day National Pistachio Day
Tue—Feb 27	National Protein & Strawberry Days The Big Breakfast Day
Wed—Feb 28	National Science & Floral Design (Gooooo Laura!) & Chocolate Soufflé Days
Fri—Mar 1	National Horse Protection & Fruit Compote & Employee Appreciation Days
Sun—Mar 3	Canadian Bacon & Cold Cuts & 33 Flavors & Anthem Days

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Feb 25 — Num 5-6
MON	Feb 26 — Num 7
TUE	Feb 27 — Num 8-9
WED	Feb 28 — Num 10-11
THU	Feb 29 — Num 12-13
FRI	Mar 1 — Num 14-15, Ps 90
SAT	Mar 2 — Num 16-17

Num = Numbers | Ps = Psalms

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PHILIPPIANS

1:21-26 — ²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. ²⁵And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

2:3-4 — ³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

3:12-14 — ¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

4:4-7 — ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:12-13 — ¹²I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

